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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S SUPPLEMENTAL ANSWER

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Supplemental Answer mailed July 11, 2002, the Applicant hereby responds to the new issues raised by the Examiner.

On remand, the Board directed the Examiner to interpret the words of the claims "in light of the specification, to read the language on the devices disclosed in the applied references, and to clearly explain the rejection." See Paper No. 28, page 5. In view of the Examiner's expanded explanation of the rejections, the claims should be regrouped so that claims 1-23 and 25-28 are grouped. Further, claims 64 and 65 may be grouped.

CLAIM 21

Claim 21 calls for a pair of folded, resilient, annular springs each having a first pair of loops extending in one direction and a second pair of loops extending in the opposite

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